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# FARM FACTS

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## 2000 Tennessee Farm Numbers

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**Tennessee:** The number of farms operating in Tennessee during 2000 was 90,000, down 1,000 from 1999 but only 2,000 less than five years ago. Seventy-six percent of Tennessee farms had sales less than \$10,000, while 4% had sales of \$100,000 or more. The remaining 20% had sales between \$10,000 and \$99,999.

Tennessee farms comprised 11.7 million acres, down 200 thousand from one year prior. Farms producing between \$1,000 and \$9,999 dollars operated 38% of the state's utilized farmland, while farms producing between \$10,000 and \$99,999 controlled 34% of the farmland. The remaining 28% of Tennessee's land in farms was operated by producers of \$100,000 or more.

## U.S. Farms and Ranches Decline in 2000

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2000 is estimated at 2.17 million, down 0.9 percent from 1999. The decline in farms and ranches occurred primarily in agricultural operations with less than \$10,000 in sales. This is the largest decline in farms and ranches since 1991 when just over 29,000 operations were lost. Total land in farms, at 943.0 million acres, declined 0.5 percent or 4.4 million acres from last year. The average size of farm increased 2 acres from 432 acres in 1999 to 434 acres in 2000. The impact of adverse weather, lower commodity prices, and competition for land contributed to the overall reduction and consolidation of farms and ranches during 2000.

The North Central Region's loss of farms was the largest with a decline of 9,200 operations, 1.1% less than was estimated in 1999. The South Region (which includes Tennessee) lost 7,000 farms and ranches, 0.8% fewer than the previous year. The number of farms and ranches declined 2,690 or 0.9% in the West Region and 1,100 or 0.8% in the Northeast Region.

The number of farms and ranches during 2000 declined in 27 States, remained unchanged in 19 States, and increased in 4 States. States losing 1,000 farms during the year were Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. Of the four States showing increases in the number of farms and ranches, only Oklahoma increased significantly, adding 1,000 operations.

## Number and Land in Farms by Sales Category: Tennessee, 1994-2000

Year	Farms				Land In Farms			
	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999 <sup>1</sup>	\$100,000 & Over	Total	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999 <sup>1</sup>	\$100,000 & Over	Total
	Number				1,000 Acres			
1994	67,000	26,000		93,000	4,600	7,500		12,100
1995	68,000	24,000		92,000	4,700	7,300		12,000
1996	68,000	23,000		91,000	4,800	7,200		12,000
1997	69,000	22,000		91,000	4,800	7,200		12,000
1998	69,000	18,000	4,000	91,000	4,800	4,000	3,100	11,900
1999	69,000	18,000	4,000	91,000	4,800	4,000	3,100	11,900
2000	68,000	18,000	4,000	90,000	4,400	4,000	3,300	11,700

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 1998, this economic sales category was \$10,000 and over.

## Annual Milk Production

**Tennessee:** Milk produced on farms during 2000 totaled 1.41 billion pounds, down 12 million from 1999. The average milk produced per cow, at 14,789 pounds, was up 181 pounds from 1999. Milk cow numbers averaged 95,000 in 2000, down 2,000 cows from the previous year's average of 97,000.

### Milk Cows and Milk Production: Tennessee, Annual Average, 1995 - 2000

Year	Number of Milk Cows on Farms <sup>1</sup>	Milk Production Per Cow	Milk Production <sup>2</sup>
	Thousands	Pounds	Million Pounds
1995	127	13,740	1,745
1996	117	13,932	1,630
1997	113	14,239	1,609
1998	105	14,295	1,501
1999	97	14,608	1,417
2000	95	14,789	1,405

<sup>1</sup> Average number on farms during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

### Crop and Livestock Production: Tennessee's Rank among States, 2000

CROPS	Units	Number of States Producing	Tennessee Ranking	Production (000)
All tobacco	lbs.	16	3	105,398
Snapbeans, fresh mkt.	cwt.	12	6	331
Tomatoes, fresh mkt.	cwt.	21	5	1,131
Cotton <sup>1</sup>	bales	17	9	715
Grain Sorghum	bu.	24	12	1,650
Sorghum Silage	tons	24	20	16
All hay	tons	48	14	4,730
Soybeans	bu.	31	17	28,750
Corn for grain	bu.	48	18	67,260
Winter Wheat	bu.	42	20	20,900
Peaches	lbs.	29	25	2,500
Corn Silage	tons	48	25	935
Apples	lbs.	35	29	9,500
Squash	cwt.	12	11	104
LIVESTOCK <sup>2</sup>		Number of States Producing	Tennessee Ranking	Inventory Head (000)

Beef Cows that have calved	50	9	1,035
All Cattle and Calves	50	14	2,170
Milk Cows that have calved	50	24	95
All hogs and pigs	50	24	230
All chickens excluding broilers	50	34	2,210

<sup>1</sup> 480 lbs. Net weight bales. <sup>2</sup> Livestock is as of January 1, 2001, except chickens and hogs which are as of December 1, 2000.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee and United States, February 2001, with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		February 2000	January 2001	February 2001 <sup>1</sup>	February 2000	January 2001	February 2001 <sup>1</sup>
Dollars Per Unit							

## Field Crops

Winter Wheat	bu.	2.36	2.51	---	2.37	2.77	2.73
Corn	bu.	1.92	2.21	2.25	1.98	1.98	1.92
Cotton Lint	lb.	.427	.520	.520	.468	.523	.503
Tobacco	lb.	2.265	2.145	2.185	1.970	2.050	2.065
Soybeans	bu.	5.06	4.89	4.65	4.79	4.68	4.37

## Livestock & Products


All hogs	cwt.	38.80	37.70	---	39.90	37.20	38.60
Sows	cwt.	37.00	35.00	---	36.00	31.20	30.40
Barrow & gilts	cwt.	39.00	38.00	---	40.10	37.60	39.20
All beef cattle	cwt.	64.80	65.60	65.80	67.60	74.80	74.70
Steers/heifers	cwt.	84.00	84.00	83.00	71.00	79.30	78.40
Cows	cwt.	36.00	38.00	40.00	37.10	39.00	41.50
Calves	cwt.	98.00	99.00	98.00	105.00	108.00	108.00

<sup>1</sup> Mid-month. <sup>2</sup> Based on purchases first half of month.

## Tennessee's Bee Colonies

Tennessee honey production during 2000 was 549,000 pounds, an increase of 141,000 pounds from the previous year and the highest production since 1990. The number of colonies increased 1,000 over last year to a total of 9,000, the largest number since 1991. Honey yield averaged 61 pounds per colony, 20 percent over 1999. Honey on hand December 15, 2000, at 104,000 pounds, was down two percent from the previous year. The average price was \$1.43 per pound during 2000, 13 cents over the previous year.

### Honey: Colonies, Yield, Production, Price, Value and Stocks, Tennessee, 1991 -2000

Year	 Colonies of Bees	Honey Production Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound	Value of Production	Honey Stocks on Hand for Sale Dec. 15
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds
1991	14	38	532	.69	367	106
1992	7	43	301	.74	223	66
1993	8	51	408	.93	379	86
1994	6	51	306	.98	300	107
1995	5	53	265	1.17	310	87
1996	5	64	320	1.54	493	90
1997	7	62	434	1.47	638	148
1998	7	64	448	1.32	591	121
1999	8	51	408	1.30	530	106
2000	9	61	549	1.43	785	104

**U.S. January Production Up Slightly:** U.S. egg production totaled 7.21 billion during January 2001, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.11 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2001 averaged 333 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during January 2000. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,178 eggs in January 2000.

### Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced, Selected States and United States, During January 2000 and 2001

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers <sup>1</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup>	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands			Number		
Alabama	3,344	2,903	10,483	10,196	1,927	1,942
Arkansas	5,081	5,466	15,509	15,571	1,954	1,965
Georgia	11,809	11,544	20,975	20,686	2,122	2,026
North Carolina	3,584	3,506	11,456	11,275	1,912	1,951
All Other States <sup>2</sup>	240,257	245,330	270,134	275,519	2,217	2,202
United States	264,075	268,749	328,557	333,247	2,178	2,164

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. <sup>2</sup> Tennessee included in other states.

**U.S. Livestock Slaughter:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in January, up

4 percent from the 3.78 billion pounds produced in January 2000 and up 3 percent from the previous record high for January set in 1998. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.00 million head, up 2 percent from 2000. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,226 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 91 thousand head, down 2 percent from January 2000. The average live weight was 11 pounds above last year, at 322 pounds. Hog kill totaled 8.64 million head, 6 percent above 2000. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 269 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

**Livestock Slaughter<sup>1</sup>: United States, January 2000 and 2001**

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Cattle	2,937	3,002	3,610,156	3,679,009	1,229	1,226
Calves	93	91	28,848	29,325	311	322
Hogs	8,141	8,643	2,132,806	2,287,050	262	265
Sheep & lambs	282	269	38,645	38,382	137	143

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).